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Engineering Heritage Queensland

Colonel Sir Albert Edwin AXON KBE

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1898 - 1974

INDUCTED IN 2007

The early 1930s was a time of rapid development in the electrical industry and being a leading consultant, Sir Albert provided engineering and management strategies for a number of electric authorities in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

He was appointed to the Royal Commission on Electrical Development, which recommended the establishment of the State Electricity Commission in Queensland. He acted as its part-time Commissioner for 10 years.

He was a Senator of the University of Queensland from 1935 until 1966, except for his period of war service when he became Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering, Queensland Lines of Communication Area, attaining the rank of Colonel. In 1957 he was elected Chancellor of the University of Queensland.

The nine years as Chancellor was a period of great university expansion, with construction of capital works worth millions of dollars, establishing a college at Townsville and the planning of a new university in Brisbane.

His highest quality engineering skills and his clear analytical interpretations saw him active in the business world where he was a Board member of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Chair of four companies and a board member of several others.

In 1959 he was honoured with the award of the KBE in recognition of contributions to engineering and his work for the University of Queensland.

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